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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 11A. International trade and development

1. At its thirty-second and thirty-third meetings, on 20 October 1993, the Committee considered section 11A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. Some delegations pointed out that a corrigendum should be issued to document A/47/6/Rev.1 containing the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 to reflect the recommendation made by CPC at its thirty-second session, that pending a decision of the Assembly on the issue, the existing titles of programme 17 and subprogramme 1 should be maintained. Accordingly, the titles of programme 17 and subprogramme 1 of section 11A of the programme budget for 1994-1995 would also have to be corrected.

3. A number of delegations expressed concern at the proposed growth rate for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) compared with the overall growth rate proposed for the entire programme budget.

4. Some delegations expressed the view that the allocation of resources among the subprogrammes did not reflect designated priorities. Other delegations expressed concern that the level of resources for activities relating to science and technology for development and to transnational corporations was less than those allocated to those programmes in 1992-1993.

5. Some members were of the view that the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should be postponed from 1995 to 1996, while others felt that the Conference should be held as planned.

6. Some members stressed the need to examine the intergovernmental bodies of UNCTAD to ensure there was no duplication of work, that ad hoc arrangements were not automatically extended, and that economies were achieved in the scheduling of meetings.

7. Some members expressed concern that the proposed decrease in the number of posts might have a negative impact on the implementation of activities.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee expressed concern at the late issuance of section 11A of the proposed programme budget, which had not allowed sufficient time for delegations to analyse its programmatic content fully.

9. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 11A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.